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Women's Center work-study cut

by Josephine Swan
Staff Writer

The Student Senate cut the Women's Center \$200 of work-study funds in Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

Donnie Oakes, vice-president of the student government said, "There is some movement suggesting that no clubs receive work-study funding. The argument is that it is not a practice to get into. The people against it feel that if a club has voluntary membership, they should do the duties and not a work-study student."

Anne Phibbs, president of the Women's Center does not consider the organization a club. "The Women's center is a social service, a community

center like MPAC that serves more than 5,000 students."

"The Senate has not really taken a close look. They didn't discuss it, it was just quickly voted on. Women are overlooked on this campus, and this goes to prove it.

"We rely on our work-study person. Few people are aware of us because we are understaffed. The center does not have enough members to do all the work themselves like student government suggested. I thought the idea was to help us," she said.

The center uses work-study people to do secretarial work; keeping files of information open to the community,

taking care of the center's library of periodicals and books, keeping the minutes of meetings, etc. This person frees up core members to work directly with women, and programs for them.

Theresa Bridges, the Women's Center's treasurer said, "The Women's Center took over the office of Women's Programs and Services when their CETA money ran out about three years ago, which means we run focus on Women, organize a hug symposium, put out a newsletter, and provide literary and human resources for women.

"JoAnne Fritsche (director: Equal Opportunity) does some of the work, but only because she knows we need help.